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SUBJ: EXILED AFARS LEADER ALI MIRAH SEEKING CONTACT WITH US

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1. ON JULY 1 THE PRIVATE SECRETARY OF SULTAN ALI MIRAH HANFARY, SALIM MOHAMMED, CALLED AT THE EMBASSY TO REQUEST THAT THE CHARGE RECEIVE ALI MIRAH OR THAT SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY CALL ON HIM AT HIS HOTEL. HE DID NOT SAY WHAT ALI MIRAH WISHED TO DISCUSS. (SALIM HIMSELF HAD CALLED SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER AT THE EMBASSY, TALKED WITH THE SECURITY OFFICER, AND REQUESTED THAT HE PASS A LETTER TO FSO BRUCH CHAINE ROGERS AT EMBASSY ADDIS REQUESTING HIM TO PROMOTE A CONTACT WITH THIS EMBASSY).

2. SALIM IS TO TELEPHONE THE EMBASSY SATURDAY FOR AN ANSWER. WE INTEND TO TELL HIM AT THAT TIME THAT WE BELIEVE CONTACT BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND SULTAN ALI MIRAH MIGHT BE "MISINTERPRETED" AND THEREFORE DO NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE. WE PROPOSE ALSO TO TELL HIM THAT WE WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE HIM (SALIM MOHAMMED) IF THERE ARE ANY MESSAGES WHICH MUST BE PASSED TO USG.

3. IF EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY ADDIS THINKS WE SHOULD SEE ALI MIRAH WE COULD PROBABLY DO SO WITHOUT
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UNDULY UPSETTING THE SAUDIS, THOUGH WE WOULD PREFER TO

LET THE FOREIGN OFFICE KNOW IN A LOW KEY FASHION THAT
WE HAD RESPONDED TO A REQUEST FOR CONTACT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO OUR PRO-

POSAL HANDLING OF ALI MIRAH'S REQUEST.
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